

**MINUTES OF THE JONESTOWN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
SEPTEMBER 11, 2008, 7:30 P.M. AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 18649 FM 1431,
SUITE 3-A, JONESTOWN, TEXAS**

A. ITEMS OPENING MEETING:

1. CALL TO ORDER

MAYOR DEANE ARMSTRONG

Mayor Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

CITY SECRETARY

Upon roll call, the following members were present: Alderman Moore, Alderman Wedell, Alderman Nichols, Mayor Armstrong, and Alderman Aaron. Mayor Pro Tem Buckle entered at 7:31 p.m. after roll call. A quorum was present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 13, Special Called Meeting
August 14, 2008 Regular Meeting
August 21, 2008 Special Called Meeting
August 28, 2008 Special Called Meeting
September 2, 2008 Special Called Meeting

Alderman Wedell made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, August 14, August 21, August 28 and September 2, 2008 meetings. Alderman Moore seconded the motion. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Yes: Alderman Moore, Alderman Wedell, Alderman Nichols, Mayor Pro Tem Buckle and Alderman Aaron. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor David Deeds, who is a representative to Region K of the Regional Water Planning Area Group, gave a report, and announced that he will not ask for reappointment. Mayor Deeds asked Council to support Rob Ruggerio for his position. He asked for an agenda item at a future meeting to pass a resolution of support for Mr. Ruggerio's appointment.

Mayor Deeds also thanked Council for cutting the tax rate.

1. GENERAL BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

1. a. Public Hearing of a request by Kermit Belzer for a conditional use permit in accordance with Chapter 94: Zoning Code, §94.032(d)(10), of the City of Jonestown Code of Ordinances, for a residence above his business in a B-2, Business - General Commercial District at 18626 FM 1431, Jonestown, Texas.

Mr. Belzer was present to address Council on his request. There was discussion about the requirements that he has to meet in order to live above his store.

Alderman Aaron made a motion to close the public hearing. Alderman Nichols seconded the motion. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Yes: Alderman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Buckle, Alderman Nichols, Alderman Wedell and Alderman Moore. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

b. Discussion and possible action on the above request.

Alderman Aaron made a motion to approve a request by Kermit Belzer for a conditional use permit in accordance with Chapter 94: Zoning Code, §94.032(d)(10), of the City of Jonestown Code of Ordinances, for a residence above his business in a B-2, Business - General Commercial District at 18626 FM 1431, Jonestown, Texas, with the provision that it meets the applicable code required to be able to do that. Mayor Pro Tem Buckle seconded the motion. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Yes: Alderman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Buckle, Alderman Nichols, Alderman Wedell and Alderman Moore. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

2. Discussion and possible action to approve a request by Silverton Custom Homes, Inc. as required by Section 96.066 of Chapter 96: Site Development, Lighting and Landscaping Regulations, of the City of Jonestown Code of Ordinances, to remove a significant tree from Lot 49, Northshore on Lake Travis, Phase I, that is located near the middle of the lot and building site.

There was discussion about the necessity to remove the tree and how the property owner will compensate for the removal. Alderman Nichols made a motion to approve the request by Silverton Custom Homes, Inc. as required by Section 96.066 of Chapter 96: Site Development, Lighting and Landscaping Regulations, of the City of Jonestown Code of Ordinances, to remove a significant tree from Lot 49, Northshore on Lake Travis, Phase I, that is located near the middle of the lot and building site, to be replaced either by additional smaller trees or monetary contribution at the decision of the developer. Alderman Moore seconded the motion. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Yes: Alderman Moore, Alderman Wedell, Alderman Nichols, Mayor Pro Tem Buckle and Alderman Aaron. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the removal of two significant trees from the building site for the new police building as required by Section 96.066 of Chapter 96: Site Development, Lighting and Landscaping Regulations, of the City of Jonestown Code of Ordinances.

There was discussion about how many significant trees have been preserved with this site plan and, if the city needs to furnish replacement trees, they should be planted at the Weems site or in other places at Jones Brothers Park. Alderman Aaron made a motion to approve the removal of two significant trees from the building site for the new police building as required by Section 96.066 of Chapter 96: Site Development, Lighting and Landscaping Regulations, of the City of Jonestown Code of Ordinances. Alderman Nichols seconded the motion. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Yes: Alderman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Buckle, Alderman Nichols, Alderman Wedell and Alderman Moore. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

4. Discussion and possible action to approve expenditure from the Parks Development fund to install two security lights at Jones Brothers Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Buckle made a motion to approve expenditure from the Parks Development fund to install two security lights at Jones Brothers Park. Alderman Aaron seconded the motion. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Yes: Alderman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Buckle, Alderman Nichols, Alderman Wedell and Alderman Moore. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Discussion and possible action to approve further expenditures from the Hotel/Motel Tax Revenue fund for the Oktoberfest.

Alderman Wedell reported on the progress of the festival planning and that this is the first effort to promote the city and the park as destinations for economic development. There was discussion about the projected revenue and necessary expenditures to accomplish the project.

Alderman Wedell made a motion to approve the total maximum expenditure of \$43,427 for the Oktoberfest. Alderman Aaron seconded the motion. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Yes: Alderman Moore, Alderman Wedell, Alderman Nichols, Mayor Pro Tem Buckle and Alderman Aaron. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

6. Discussion and possible action to approve a lease agreement renewal with Travis County for The Plaza spaces 6-A and 12-A.

There was discussion about prevailing rental rates and the provision to provide utilities and cleaning. Alderman Aaron made a motion to approve the lease agreement renewal with Travis County for The Plaza spaces 6-A and 12-A as presented in the lease agreement to the City Council. Alderman Wedell seconded the motion. During discussion, Alderman Aaron asked that Council be provided a report at the six month budget review to detail the amount that the utilities cost the city. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Yes: Alderman Aaron, Alderman Nichols and Alderman Wedell. No: Mayor Pro Tem Buckle and Alderman Moore. Abstain: None. Motion carried 3 to 2.**

Mayor Pro Tem Buckle voted against the lease because of no cap on the utilities. Alderman Moore asked that the next time, this lease be sent to Council earlier to give more time for negotiation. Staff will put lockable thermostats on the air conditioning units in the lease spaces, to assure energy conservation.

7. Discussion and possible action to ratify an amendment to Ordinance No. 2007-O-343, an ordinance making appropriations for the support of the City of Jonestown, Texas for the 2007/2008 fiscal year.

Alderman Nichols made a motion to ratify an amendment to Ordinance No. 2007-O-343, an ordinance making appropriations for the support of the City of Jonestown, Texas for the 2007/2008 fiscal year. Alderman Moore seconded the motion. Alderman Moore commended city staff for being able to hold down expenditures to make the savings possible. There was discussion about the details of the amendment. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Yes: Alderman Moore, Alderman Wedell, Alderman Nichols, Mayor Pro Tem Buckle and Alderman Aaron. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

8. Discussion and possible action to approve an ordinance adopting the budget for FY 2008/2009.

Alderman Nichols made a motion to approve the ordinance adopting the budget for FY 2008/2009. Alderman Wedell seconded the motion. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Yes: Alderman Moore, Alderman Wedell, Alderman Nichols, Mayor Pro Tem Buckle and Alderman Aaron. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

9. Discussion and possible action to ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Buckle made a motion to ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the budget. Alderman Aaron seconded the motion. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Yes: Alderman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Buckle, Alderman Nichols, Alderman Wedell and Alderman Moore. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

10. Discussion and possible action to adopt a tax rate.
a) Adopt an I&S tax rate of .0702 per \$100 valuation.
b) Adopt an M&O tax rate of .4723 per \$100 valuation.
c) Approve an ordinance adopting the total tax rate of .5425 per \$100 valuation.

Alderman Buckle made a motion to adopt a tax rate with an Interest and Sinking fund tax rate of .0702 per \$100 valuation, and a Maintenance and Operation tax rate of .4723 per \$100 valuation, for a total tax rate of .5425 per \$100 valuation Alderman Aaron seconded the motion. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Yes: Alderman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Buckle, Alderman Nichols, Alderman Wedell and Alderman Moore. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

D. REPORTS FROM STAFF AND COMMUNITY ENTITIES

Alderman Nichols asked for a report on the status of the police facility and City Administrator Dodson and Chief Stetar discussed the progress. Alderman Nichols also asked for clarification on the IESI fee increase and this was discussed. Alderman Aaron and Chief Stetar talked about the recent traffic accidents and Council discussed the need for a turn lane and lowered speed limits through the city on FM 1431.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Armstrong adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 9, 2008.

Deane Armstrong, Mayor
City of Jonestown

ATTEST:

Linda Hambrick, City Secretary